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FOR SCHAUFLE FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: JOSHUA NKOMO'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN

REF: STATE 184164 AND LUSAKA 1889

1. NDLOVU CONFIRMED TO ME JULY 26 THAT NKOMO WILL BE IN JIDDA AUGUST 5 AND IN TEHRAN ON AUGUST 15. NKOMO IS COUNTING ON SEEING KING OF SAUDI ARABIA AND SHAH OF IRAN ON THESE RESPECTIVE DATES. NDLOVU ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER AND HELMS TO INTERCEDE ON NKOMO'S BEHALF WITH THE KING AND SHAH PRIOR TO BEING RECEIVED BY THEM. NKOMO BELIEVES THAT, IF THE AMBASSADORS EXPLAIN HIS NEEDS TO THE SHAH AND KING, THEY WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. I SAID I WOULD PASS NKOMO'S REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDED THAT IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A RESPONSE BACK TO HIM IF HE AND NKOMO DEPARTED LUSAKA ON JULY 27. HE PROMISED TO CALL ME BEFORE HE LEFT LUSAKA TO SEE IF THERE HAD BEEN A RESPONSE, BUT HE DID NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECEIVING A REPLY SO LONG AS NKOMO'S REQUEST HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO NDLOVU, ASST SECTY SCHAUFLE HAD STRESSED TO NKOMO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US CONFINING ITS ACTIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA TO A BEHIND THE SCENES ROLE. IN LINE WITH THIS CONCERN, NKOMO PLANS TO KEEP HIS CONTACTS WITH EMBASSIES JIDDA AND TEHRAN TO TELEPHONE CALLS TO AMBASSADORS HELMS AND PORTER.

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3. NKOMO'S TENTATIVE TRAVEL PLANS

ARE AS FOLLOWS: DEPART LUSAKA
FOR ROME JULY 27 OR 28; REMAIN ROME UNTIL JULY 31; DEPART ROME
FOR BELGRADE JULY 31; REMAIN BELGRADE UNTIL AUGUST 4; DEPART
BELGRADE AUGUST 4 FOR JIDDAH; LENGTH OF STAY IN JIDDAH NOT
DETERMINED; PROCEED TO MOGADISCIO ON UNSPECIFIED DATE (TIMING
TO BE DETERMINED BY POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH SOMALI
OFFICIALS); ARRIVAL TEHRAN AT UNSPECIFIED DATE, BUT IN TIME
TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH SHAH ON AUGUST 15.
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